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Subject: Dispute Resolution, Operable Unit 7-10 Extension of Deadline

Dear Ms. Cook and Mr. Allred:

Pursuant to the discussion via teleconference today, June 15, 2001, between U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID); Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA-10), EPA agrees to extend the deadline identified in our June 14, 2001 letter from July 6, 2001 to July 18, 2001.

I want to emphasize EPA's position relative to completion of the Pit 9 Interim ROD. While I remain confident that our agencies can develop a realistic schedule and an approach that will demonstrate meaningful retrieval (i.e., in terms of what is removed and how the information will be used to support Stage III and the OU7-13/14 ROD), EPA expects that any modifications to the current schedule provide for the steps necessary to complete Pit 9 Stage III and the OU7-13/14 RI/FS and ROD.

Sincerely,



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Acting Regional Administrator